

TELEFAX 9

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~/CONTROL-U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

COUNTRY Bulgaria

DATE DISTR. 27 July 1951

SUBJECT 1. Fortifications in Novo Selo-Svilengrad Area
2. Paratroop Unit at Stara Zagora

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE
ACQUIRED

ANCE COPY
CIRCULATE

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

50X1-HUM

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANINGS OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U.S.C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

50X1-HUM

1. On 14 January 1951 three rows of trenches, 200 to 300 meters apart, were constructed in the Novo Selo area. The first row was begun at location RG-6556, from where it ran about 500 to 600 meters outside of Novo Selo ending at the old cemetery 600 meters east of Mezek. The second row was constructed about 300 meters north of the first row, and ran about 200 to 300 meters south of Novo Selo ending one kilometer east of the Mezek-Svilengrad road in a forest. Machine gun posts and artillery emplacements have been constructed on the third row at Novo Selo. The depth of the trenches was 1.2 meters, the width at the base was .5 meters, and the width at the surface was 1.1 meters.
2. The work on these trenches was being done by 270 Trudovaks. About 300 Trudovaks were working on fortification projects (sic) at Siva Reka.
3. At the end of March 1951 two Soviet generals, accompanied by the Minister of the Army, Peter Panchevski, inspected the fortification projects at Svilengrad and Novo Selo. It was rumored later that the fortifications had not been constructed at suitable locations.
4. The airfield of Stara Zagora had a paratroop unit commanded by a Major; there were about 500 soldiers in the unit.

50X1-HUM

Document No. _____
No Change in Class. ☒ 1
☐ Document in
Class. Changed To: TS S C
Auth: MH TG-2
Date: 31 AUG 1978

50X1-HUM

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL-U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

[illegible]

50X1-HUM